

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed simultaneously with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The RCE requests automatic entry of the amendments filed November 1, 2007. Thus, this Amendment should be entered after entry of the November 1 amendments.

Claims 10, 12, 68 and 71-72 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-2 and 4-5 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants maintain all of the arguments regarding independent claims 10 and 68 as set forth in the response filed November 1, 2007. The above canceling of claims 1-2 and 4-5 is an attempt to narrow the number of issues and/or to further prosecution.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 10, 12, 68 and 71-72 are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,
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